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To: Stalcup, Dana; Cooper, DavidE; Ammon, Doug; Legare, Amy; Ells, Steve

Cc: <u>Gustavson, Karl; Greenberg, Marc; Charters, David; Deitz, Randy; Levine, Carolyn</u>

Subject: Fw: Portland Harbor

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Schedule pushed out. By mutual agreement.

From: Cohen, Lori

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Met with PH managers today - we tried a new format with our respective project managers and it went well.

After the January Exec mtg, you know we were hearing concerns that EPA would release its conceptual approach and then not be able to change it ...apparently, they were concerned that if our plan was to go to the NRRB in early spring, they would not have seen the FS changes and, in particular, the details of the FS analysis of alternatives.

Given the above concern and the interest of senior management that we engage/work with the parties as much as possible under the construct of the Agreed Order, the project team developed a detailed FS revision process and schedule that will engage the LWG (as well as the other MOU partners) on key technical issues, and thus allow for dialogue/discussion prior to EPA's decisions. Kristine and Chip had discussed this previously with their counterparts and the senior managers liked it as well.

With this process, the schedule for the FS is now projected to go thru next winter - and they agreed it best to postpone NRRB/CSTAG review until then. We are going to document the new process and working schedule , which they will take to their Exec committee for approval. We will then have to bring the new schedule to the other partners, and plan outreach to congressionals to share this new information.

We also discussed HQ engagement and they seemed comfortable with what I explained per conversations with Jim.

They also seemed ok with our description of the NRRB/CSTAG process the we described.

They also raised questions about losing staff to VERA/VSIP - I said we would have to wait and see if anyone opts to take it but that we do have many experienced people who are eligible to take it.

That's all for now. I will be out til next Wed and will followup with HQs when I get back to provide a more complete debrief.

Lori